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"BIBLE VERSE TO STUDY

"Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain."

—Exodus 20:7.

PREDICTS SPAN OF 150 YEARS

The American Medical Association's recent convention — in Atlantic City — heard the chairman of the general practice session predict that by 1999 adults in this country would be living to the ripe age of 150.

The doctor making that prediction, Lowry H. McDaniel, also says that women will be able to stay young and shapely almost indefinitely, by 1999. There will be no such thing as fatal cancer, sight will be restored to the blind and other seemingly incurable conditions will be readily corrected, Dr. McDaniel said.

From reading his report one would assume that life's major problem right now is to live to see the arrival of 1999. That is less than fifty years distant and a good many readers might actually live to see the last year of the twentieth century make its bow.

There is much truth in what the Tyronza, Arkansas, doctor sees in the future, of course. Medical science is just beginning to get into the outer areas of the mysteries which cause disease and suffering. Modern scientific developments, including progress in the atomic and electronic fields, have not yet been utilized to a great extent.

It can only be hoped that the great progress envisioned in the field of science will be used to produce the conditions McDeaniel speaks about. If great advances in atomic and hydrogen weapons are allowed to get out of control, most Americans may never see 1999. It seems to boil down to a question whether the world's great scientific advancements will be used for good or for evil.

A little thought along this line will make one understand the President's appointment of Harold Stassen as special disarmament ambassador, and the President's willingness to pursue any course which can be followed, with honor, in the search for a better understanding with potential enemy leaders.

HARMFUL CHARITY

Kind-hearted citizens, here and elsewhere, often pat themselves on the back when they cheerfully contribute their bit to the relief of anyone who comes to them with a woeful tale, or seeks succor for distress.

It would surprise some of these people very much to learn that they are probably making a real mistake. More often than not, they are encouraging a habit of begging, which makes of the recipient a panhandler for the rest of his, or her, life.

The aim of modern relief is to correst the condition which causes the victim to be in want. Very often these circumstances can be altered as to make the individual, or family, self-supporting and able to take their places in society as worthy members, earning what they receive.

This is much better than scattering arms wholesale and without wise discrimination. While we would not go so far as to say that all charity should be controlled by social workers, we do assert that most of it should be expended—for the good of all.

TROUBLE WITH VACCINES

Recent troubles and delays with the polio vaccine should not blind Americans to the fact that these troubles are only normal in the development of such vaccines. A glance into the medical history of this country, or other countries, shows that, with every vaccine have come some growing and progress pains.

This was the case with the smallpox vaccine, which was developed in an earlier century. When smallpox vaccinations were first given, readers may recall that the doctor or nurse administering the scratch really bore down and gave his poor victim a good scratching. In addition, he tightly bandaged the area, which often resulted in a serious infection.

It took many years for medical science to learn that such smallpox vaccination scratches should not be tightly bandaged. When the tight bandaging was discontinued, few people suffered serious infections thereafter.

A similar trouble was encountered with diphtheria vaccinations. When this vaccine was developed, many years ago, the vaccine consisted of blood taken from a horse, the animal's blood having contained the diphtheria virus. In one epidemic in a Midwetsern city, at about the turn of the century, the use of diphtheria vaccine caused a severe tetanus outbreak.

The diphtheria vaccine then being used was widely attacked, and confidence in it dwindled. It was later found that one of the horses from which blood had been taken had had a tentans infection and this infection was spread to children being given diphtheria shots and several of them died as a result. This trouble has now been cleared up.

Another example along this line involved the difficulties encountered during World War II with the yellow fever vaccine. This vaccine which had been used successfully for many decades was suddenly linked with a surprising increase in hepatitis cases, occurring among those who had been vaccinated.

After a prolonged investigation, it was discovered that an element of blood used in the vaccine could contain hepatitis agents and that some of the blood used on service men actually had contained the hepatitis infection and had caused hepatitis.

In this instance, too, the Public Health Serivce went to work to devise new standards for the manufacture of the vaccine and the yellow fever vaccine now is thought to be perfectly safe.

These examples are cited only to show that development of a vaccine always encounters some obstacles and some growing pains. That has been true with the polio vaccine.

THE INTER-AMERICAN HIGHWAY

Want to drive down to the Panama Canal, via Mexico, and through other central American countries? Well, prospects are not too good for the trip at the moment, but the House of Representatives in the national capital recently voted to do something about it.

The House voted to speed up construction of the Inter-American highway, which is of great military importance, as well as from the tourist angle. The vote was a whopping 353 to 13.

Former plans had called for completion of the highway to Panama by the early sixties. But the House went on record as wanting the highway operating by 1958, possibly in late 1957.

Looking back to World War II days, and the lives lost in ships transporting fuel and other vital supplies to seaports on the Atlantic, one can readily see the importance of a through, and first-class highway from Central America into Texas and the United States.

An eventual road which would continue on into South America is the goal (or dream) of planners, as it has been for centuries. But the first step is completion of a good road to the Panama Canal. And this prospect has not been an easy one, and still faces obstacles.

Central American countries are cooperating, though, and with U. S. aid, it seems there is a good chance that such a highway will be available in three years. It is hard to realize that even in this hemisphere, where transportation is so advanced, there is not even one good road to the vital ore and oil fields in Central and South America.

It is time for this Chinese-like transportation deficiency to be solved. The House has made a decisive move in this direction. We hope nothing prevents completion of the Panama highway as rapidly as possible.

NOTES AND COMMENTS

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Not many things are more ridiculous than a civic leader without followers.

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The modern world appreciates results but is not interested in excuses, good or bad.

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Our Own Financial Hint: Watch agriculture. Unless the farmers have a good year in 1955, there will be a slackening of business in 1956.

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The meek may inherit the earth, but in the meantime, somebody has got to keep it running.

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If Appomattox wants to grow, there is one sure way; make jobs available for the people who would like to live here.

Around Your Home

By Frances Dell

Every homemaker is probably familiar with the new plastic film on the market. It is used in the kitchen as a useful wrapping and cover for all kinds of food and dishes. Its use has been extended to the garden.

The clear plastic film makes an excellent cover for seed flats or pans. It holds moisture perefectly. Even seeds that germinate slowly need no additional water for weeks.

It makes a perfect buffer between pots and tender leaves. A strip folded and placed around the rim of flower pots will prevent the pot from damaging the leaves of such plants as African Violets and Gloxinias.

It can be used as an aquarium cover for a case in which to root leaf cutting taken from moisture-loving plants.

This is only a few of the uses you can find for plastic film in your gardening. Since it is inexpensive and can be discarded and replaced with clean, new film, why not experiment and find uses of your own?

GOLDEN GLEAMS

Out of the abundance of the ... the mouth speaketh.

Matthew 12...

Every man is born with the ... ty of reason and the faculty ... speech, but why should he be ... to speak before he has anything ... say.

—Benjamin Whitch...

The true use of speech is not ... much to express our wants as ... conceal them. —Olive Golds...

I pay attention only to ... people say. I have little interest ... what they think. —Napo...

Speech that leads not to ... still more that hinders it, is a ... ance on the earth. —Thomas Ca...

VET GETS DIPLOMA AT 10...

Crestview, Fla.- William A. ...dy, Florida's last surviving Con...erate war veteran, and hon... member of the Crestview ... School graduating class, ma... up with his 58 "classmates ... cluding two of his grand-nieces ... receive his diploma. The 10... old veteran said he was going ... have his diploma framed and ... it on the wall. "I might even ... teaching school," he said.

Health and Beauty

A plaster-of Paris cast and radioactive iodine have been combined by British medical researchers to gain helpful information in the diagnosis and treatment of thyroid disorders.

The first step in the investigation is to make a plaster cast of the thyroid region and related areas. Then general anatomical marks are painted on the surface of the cast and the entire surface is ruled in two centimeter squares. Radioactive iodine is then given by mouth.

After about three hours, the plaster cast is again fitted to the patient and count-rate readings are taken at each two centimeter intervals. These readings are recorded on a count-rate meter.

From graphs doctors are able to compute the distribution of the ... dioactive iodine lying beneath ... cast.

Scientists say this means of ... mining the iodine uptake in par... lar regions is a vast improve... over the old method.

The patient suffers little in... venience. It takes about a day to ... plete the entire operation. D... the morning, the cast is fitted ... the patient is given the radio... drink. During the afternoon, ... readings are taken. This requ... bout a half hour.

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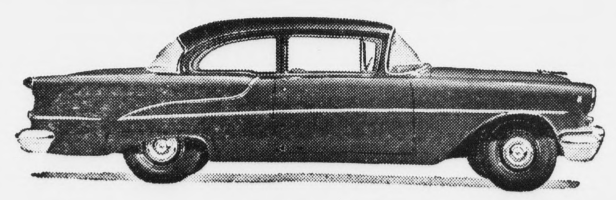

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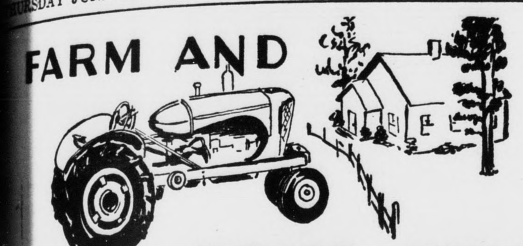

The Institute of Rural Affairs is ... for July 26-28. The following ...akers will appear on the pro...am:

...llan B. Kline, Western Springs, ... former president of the American Farm Bureau Federation, and ...norable H. Roe Bartle, mayor of ...nsas City, Mo.

Mayor Bartle will speak Tuesday ...ning, July 26; Kline, Wednesday ...ning. Highlight of the Thursday ...ning program will be the presentation of the VPI "Certificates of ...it" to two individuals judged to ...ve made outstanding contributions ... agriculture in Virginia. The presentation will be made by Dr. W. S. ...wman, VPI president. He is also ...eduled for an address Tuesday ...ernoon before the annual meeting of the Agricultural Conference ...ard of Virginia.

The Board, comprised of representatives of almost all agricultural ...oups in Virginia, also will hear a ...port from Maury A. Hubbard, the ...ecutive secretary of the Virginia ...rm Bureau on proposals to be ...ade to the next session of the ...neral Assembly, and an address ... John H. Davis, former assistant ...retary of agriculture and now director, Moffet Program in Agriculture and Business, Harvard University.

In concurrent sessions Tuesday ...ll be the Virginia Federation of ...me Deomnstration Clubs.

Wednesday morning, three sessions will be held at the Institute ...per. Speakers at the various sections will include: (1) Paul Maris, ...mer Extension Service director in ...egon and retired national director of rural rehabilitation, Farm Security Administration (now FHA), ...ington; and Dr. Warren Thompson, director emeritus, Scripts Foundation, Oxford, Ohio; (2) J. B. Kohlmeyer, professor, agricultural economics, Perdue University; and (3) ...arren Schmidt, coordinator, International Farm Youth Exchange ...ogram, Silver Springs, Md.

Section speakers Thursday morning will include: (1) Dr. Ann Gary ...nnell, president, Sweat Briar College; (2) H. B. Henderson, head of ...e dairy department, University of ...orgia; Dr. B. S. Schweigert, assistant director, American Meat Institute Foundation, University of ...icago; and Dr. H. N. Young, director VPI Agricultural Experiment ...ation; and (3) Mrs. Polly Hanst, ...memaker and youth wirter, Oak...nd, Md.

Afternoon sessions will be devoted primarily to departmental meetings and tours.

Other speakers will be announced ...ter.

Appomattox farmers and homemakers should contact the county or ...me agent's office by July 15 if ...ey plan to attend. Cost is $1.50 ...gistration fee. Lodging in college ...rmitory $1.00 per night; meals ... cents per meal.

Permit Alfalfa to Recover

Alfalfa that was seriously retard... by insect attacks before the first ...tting should be permitted to reach the 1/10 bloom stage before the second cutting.

County Agent Jim Smith says the same rule applies to alfalfa cut before the bud stage as a result of insect or disease attacks. Allow the alfalfa to stand until the 1/10 bloom stage of growth should help replenish root reserves.

Mow Pastures This Month

Mow pastures in June — if you haven't already done it — to remove stems and heads refused by grazing animals, and to help control spring weeds.

Removing the refused growth will give the pasture a chance to recover evenly with a palatable and highly nutritious feed, suggests Jim Smith, County Agent.

Bluegrass pasture mowed after heading, but before the seed has set, will produce more grass later in the season than that which is not clipped. Ladino-grass mixtures are more productive if allowed to recover to a height of 6 to 12 inches following clipping or grazing.

Salt Important in Cattle Diet

Salt is one of the minerals that must never be missing from the ration of beef cattle.

Cattle given all the salt they want digest their feed better, eat more of it, and gain faster at lower costs than animals slighted on salt.

The best way to feed salt is in a box as loose granular salt. Protect it from the weather. The animals will get enough salt this way and won't have to work getting it from a block.

There is no harm is using block salt. However, it won't fill the bill completely. Always use loose salt, too, says County Agent Jim Smith.

If cattle are wild, salt by hand twice weekly, with no other salt available. This will quickly gentle the wildest cattle since they soon learn that they are dependent on the owner for salt.

If a complete cattle mineral is used, it should be handled in the same manner as loose salt.

Smith suggests a box with a partition, with loose salt in one side and cattle mineral in the other. Plans for portable salt boxes which can be moved from pasture to pasture are available from the county agent's office.

Smith says research has shown than the consumption of minerals goes up in the fall when forage dries up, hits its highest peak in the winter months, and then goes down in the spring and summer.

Study on Parasitism Underway at VPI

Just what toll paralstes take in beef and milk production in Virginia — and what can be done about it— is information sought in a new study underway at VPI Agricultural Experiment Station.

Dr. W. L. Threlkeld, parasitiologist, with animal husbandman, C. M. Kincaid are heading up the study. It's likely that more money is lost because of parasites than is generally believed, says Jim Smith, County Agent.

Sheepmen have long been aware of the troublesome aspects of parasitism, and by and large take due control measures. But cattlemen have paid less attention.

Smith explains that the damage probably will increase as more animals per acre are carried on individual farms.

Questions now being asked are what kinds of parasites are present, in what parts of the state, what management practices may affect the incidence of parasitism, and how many animals and herds are affected. With this information it will be possible to proceed with further studies aimed at finding the best control methods.

Remove Breeding Sites To Control Flies

Remove fly-breeding sites if you want to be sure flies won't be beyond control the rest of the year. Chemicals alone will not do the job, but a proper combination of chemicals, and complete santation will largely do away with the fly population, says County Agent Jim Smith.

To start the cleanup, remove all manure and compost piles to the fields and spread them out to dry. Clean all feed lots by scraping them clean down to the concrete, or scarping down to fresh earth if the lots are unpaved.

There are countless breeding sites around the farm that will escape if the cleanup is not thorough. Small piles of decaying matter may escape notice unless they are looked for.

The important thing is to keep at it. One frantic, haphazard cleanup won't stop flies from breeding.

Flies are continually becoming resistant to the deadliest of insecticides. If the chemicals have been used too much in some localities, they won't be effective anymore.

But a good cleanup, which prevents most of the flies from breeding, will serve as well or better than the best insecticides used alone.

Use Paint Brush For Fly Spray

For a convenient and safe way to treat kitchen window screens against flies, use a paint brush. Apply the spray to both sides of the screens with the paint brush. This prevents the spray from drifting throug onto food or cooking utinsels.

Tests Point Up Irrigation Use

Tests with bright tobacco have shown that higher yields and better quality tobacco will generally result from irrigation if properly and wisely used during a dry season, states Jim Smith, County Agent.

Those who plan to irrigate should get better use from the water if these points are followed. The best time seems to be transplanting time and when tobacco is between knee-high and early bloom stage. Under most conditions, one inch of water at each application is about the right amount. The rate of application for most soils and slopes should be about 3/10 inch per hour.

If enough water is applied, scalding in hot, dry weather is not much of a problem. During dry seasons, irrigated tobacco will mature about two weeks earlier than tobacco not irrigated. Avoid irrigating with water contaminated with tobacco disease organisms.

Smith warns that too much water may cause 'drowning" and leaching of plant nutrients. Likewise, too much water may cause the cured leaf to lack aroma and flavor. It may also cause an "ashy" appearance.

Recovery From Hail Possible in Tobacco

Profit is possible for tobacco farmers whose fields may be damaged from hail. If hail should strike you may be able to grow a 65% — 75% normal crop if the following three points are carried out:

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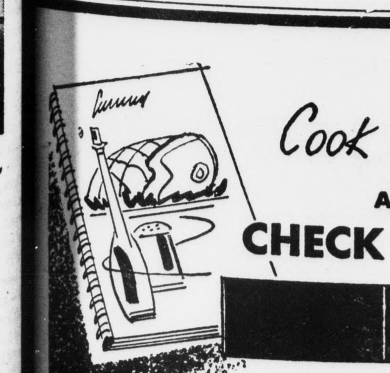

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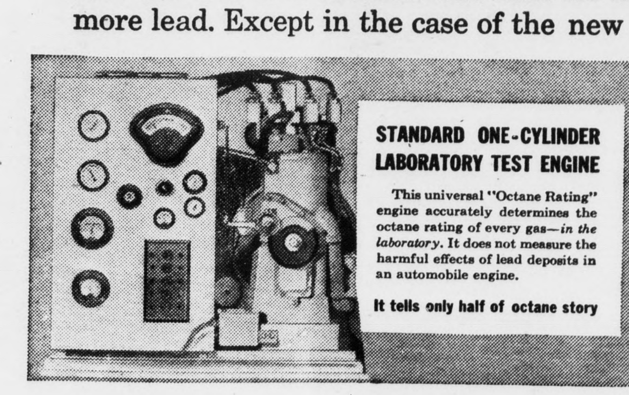

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